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The timely submission under 37 CFR 1.129(a) filed on July 11, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the claims are not in compliance with the revised amendment practice, 37 C.F.R. 1.121. When there is any amendment to a claim, there must be a listing of all claims ever presented. The text of withdrawn claims must be presented even if they are not amended. Claims must have the correct identifier. Claims 99-104 have the incorrect status identifier (withdrawn). This is incorrect because claims 99-104 were rejected in the Office action sent on 3/13/04. Since the submission appears to be a bona fide attempt to provide a complete reply to the prior Office action, applicant is given a shortened statutory period of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing date of this letter, whichever is longer, to submit a complete reply. This shortened statutory period supersedes the time period set in the prior Office action. This time period may be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). If a notice of appeal and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) were filed prior to or with the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r), the payment of the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(r) by applicant is construed as a request to dismiss the appeal and to continue prosecution under 37 CFR 1.129(a). The appeal stands dismissed.

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